

8. **(ORIGINAL, WITHDRAWN)** The novel ionic polymer metal composite material of claim 1 further encapsulated inside a flexible polymeric membrane to keep it hermetically sealed and moist and to provide additional outside protection.

REMARKS

In the office action of August 24, 2004, the examiner correctly objected to claims 1 and 2 as being of improper dependent forms. These claims have been amended to be independent in the sense that claim 1 claims the novel materials and claim 2 claims novel manufacturing method for the said novel materials. It is now believed that the claims are in proper form to be allowed by the examiner and such consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted



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